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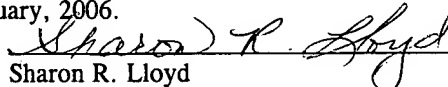
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INFLATABLE DEVICE FOR USE WITH THE FASTENER  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, in the above-identified application, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Invention I, claims 1-15, 18-34, 55, and 62-73 for further prosecution.

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**